

# Grapevine

The Popular Summer Event...

**PICNIC!**



*Photo by Lou Zauner*

*Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville – August 18, 2006*



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## From the Administrator's Desk ...

**W**e are unusual among Veterans homes in many ways. One is that we are subject to inspection and control by both the State of California Health Department and the Veterans Administration. "State in the spring; feds in the fall," as employees keep in mind. While nobody likes inspections, they serve to keep everybody on their toes and prevent laxity from setting in. Next week's VA inspection will be unique for them, too. Because of the breadth of our facility, it is their only three part inspection:

- Hospital acute care;
- Assisted-living (nursing home) care; and
- Domiciliary care

As in the past, we will make the results of their findings available to you. If you wish to have input, Mr. Robert Goldware will meet with individual home members on Tuesday, August 22, between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Call Claudia Luque at Quality Assurance -- 944-4830 -- to make an appointment.

Previous inspection reports have made pleasant reading for us; we are confident that this year will be the same.



**Marcella McCormack,  
Administrator**

## California Drive Closure

**O**n Monday August 21, 2006 the contractor will begin the Phase II road project from Lincoln Theater past the 2nd entrance to Section E's parking lot.

This project will affect all traffic on the facility, as the roadway will be closed from 6:00 am to 5:00 p.m. This project is scheduled to take approximately 2 weeks to complete, barring and unforeseen issues.

During this scheduled closure you will be directed by signage to turn left at the top of the entrance road towards Administration and proceed around the facility to your destination. Please be watchful for the construction crew, read and follow all signage for the safety of the workers and yourself.

In addition, the Parking Lot for Section "E" and the adjacent parking lot across from Section "E" next to Domaine Chandon will remain closed to all vehicles. Any vehicles parked in these Parking lots must be removed by Sunday August 20, 2006.

**During the scheduled road closure of the Lincoln Theatre/Section E parking lot (projected from 8/21/2006-9/5/2006), the Bear Flag shuttle will NOT be able to provide service to the back side of Section E or Section J.**

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# We Are What We Eat

*Director of Dietetics, Sharon Parda*

When did it start? When did restaurants begin to pride themselves on the size of their portions rather than the quality of their food? When did they decide on television commercials that feature oversize platters with food falling over the sides? Do you know that Americans have gained weight in direct proportion to those increases in portion sizes? (And do you know, Brandy, that dogs have gained weight in the same proportion as their people?)

Whew! Before we tackle the subject, let's distinguish between servings and portions. Your staff in the dining hall is educated in the size of the serving they are to give you. But, you know they will accommodate you however they can. Resist the temptation to ask them to "supersize" you.

A portion is how much you choose to eat. If you don't want as much food as you see those ahead of you having, tell the server to give you a smaller amount. Most of us come from families who suffered through the depression when "Clean your plate!" was necessary for survival. We still have the urge to eat as much as we can of what is served. Resist that, too. When you feel satisfied, stop. One resident put it well, "Better for it to go to waste than for it to go to waist!"

Let's begin re-educating our minds on what a portion should look like. Two for today. A serving of meat, poultry or fish? The size of a deck of cards. A serving of butter or margarine? Are you ready? The size of a stack of four thin dimes. Our pre-measured packets make it easier for us than for folks who are served from a large container.

We can win the war against obesity. Remember the line from President Kennedy's inaugural address? "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Let's take that step.



*Sharon Parda*



## *"Closure" continued from page 2*

Limited parking will be at the upper Section "C" Parking Lot. Overflow parking is available at the Main Bus Stop and the Lincoln Theater overflow parking lot (field over by Domaine Chandon). The road will be opened each day at 5:00 pm and remain open until 6:00 am the next morning. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience

*August 18, 2006*





## American Legion Annual Celebration

The yearly American Legion Celebration at the Home began on August 3rd with the American Legion Baseball Tournament, continued on the 4th with the Golf Tournament & Luncheon, and finished on August 6th with the annual Picnic. Thanks to Home Member Glen Nock we are able to include photos of the Golf Tournament & Luncheon - including some of our winning Home Members.



American Legion Annunal Yountville Golf Tournament



**First Place:** Mike Fitzgerald, Olin "Woody" Woods, Charlie Samson, Charlie Haas, Jason Boldt.



**Second Place:** Joe Finnigan, Marcella McCormack, Roy Mchols, Joe Manard.



**Jack Leverett, Georgia Todd, Chuck Davis.**



**Jason Boldt presents Jack Leverett with the awards for "Longest Drive" and "Closest to the Pin."**



**Jason Boldt presents Kathy Cornelius with the award for "Women's Longest Drive."**



**Dr. Mark Severance, Cort Bradbury, Cmd. Charlie Eskridge, Ken Canelihi with the Baseball Tournament trophy. Auburn defeated Merced by only one run with a score of 9 to 8.**





## American Legion Picnic A Spirited 76<sup>th</sup> Tribute to the Home

*Story by Lou Zauner*

On Sunday, August 6, from 11 a.m. to after 1:30 p.m.—and in perfect weather—the Main Picnic Grounds swelled-over with nearly 500 Home Members, American Legion Hosts, Staff and guests to celebrate the 76th Annual Veterans Home, Yountville, American Legion Picnic. Preceding the picnic on Thursday, August 3, the exciting and traditional American Legion-sponsored baseball tournament started the annual weekend of fun and festivity to generously recognize Home Members and all veterans – the hallmark of the American Legion.

Kathleen Heeren, Department of California Vice-Commander Representative of Women Legionnaires and always a gracious hostess/greeter at the American Legion events at the Home, stated that almost 200 of the 540 California Posts – American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders – were in attendance for the weekend honors. The multitude of vehicles and motor bikes in the parking lots were ample testimony to the importance of these days on the Veterans Home grounds.

Home Members were presented with “ditty bags,” a annual, and very welcome, gift from our American Legion friends: a bright, plaid bag filled with necessities and luxuries such as toilet articles (including a 4-piece manicure set), an instant camera, pens and pencils and word-puzzle book, a deck of cards and food and candy items, and the appropriate decorative flag and red and blue caps, and more. All items were useful or delicious or mementos for remembering the occasion.

The barbecue and food line was endless. Continuing for over an hour, it extended from the cooking pits to the main parking lot behind the picnic tables out of eyesight, but moving surprisingly fast for the hungry but patient guests. The fare: hot dogs and hamburgers with accompanying buns and all necessary condiments; macaroni and potato salads, sumptuous fruit salad, watermelon and cookies with the soft drinks and beer at the canteen.

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*Kathleen Heeren, Shelby Hitch,  
Dale Clark, Madeline Lee.*



*Paul Ladd and Home Administrator  
Marcella M. McCormack.*





**Bob Smith and Frank Lessard with the popular “train ride” - the Solano Voiture 395.**



**Bart Buechner and Spike Schau, member the Legion Riders.**



**right - The contents of one of the “ditty bags” - a gift from the American Legion.**



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Thoughtful attendants served plates of food to those who couldn’t stand in line, and the Auxiliary Ladies delivered ice cream cones to the crowd to top off the picnic; and, during all this time the country band “Barb-Wire and Roses” entertained the huge audience.

The afternoon was climaxed at the bandstand with the presentation and comments from commanders and officials of the represented American Legion Posts. Home Administrator Marcella McCormack expressed appreciation on behalf of the Home for the continuing devotion and generosity of the American Legion. In addition to the Annual Picnic, “The Spring Fling,” and the Christmas Party; the baseball and gold tournaments sponsored by the American Legion California Posts always result in funds and gifts which are turned back to the Home.

Our many thanks for the benevolence and friendship of our American Legion friends who give us so much—including the memories of another munificent event.

**Tom Scarciapone, America Legion State Chaplain, served a beautiful fruit salad.**



**Kathleen Heeren and Sandy Jacob, President of the American Legion Auxiliary.**



**below: Wilma Lembke and Maedena Gerken.**





# Sonoma County Fair

By Nancy Bueno

I love the Fair! All my life I've attended State, County, Township fairs and even those fairs that are not associated with 4-H. My first fair was the Indiana State Fair in September of 1945. I was born the next January. Well, why not? That's the same way my mother attended her first fair! With that much fair exposure it was perfectly natural for me to grow up involved in 4-H, winning ribbons, vying for Miss Indiana, demonstrating spinning in the sheep barn, and culminating in becoming a 4-H Cat Judge, judging my last show the summer before I joined my husband here at the Veterans Home.

Do I miss the involvement? Yep! But at least I can still attend the fairs!

I enjoy the Sonoma County Fair. Even though it is very small compared to fairs such as the New York State Fair or Indiana State Fair, it still has all the necessary aspects – the commercial building where you can find the latest in crafts, jewelry, cooking utensil, mattresses, etc.; the Midway with rides and contests of skill or luck; the souvenir booths tout-ing their wares; the fine arts and crafts exhibits; the food, the food, the food, but the most important to me – the animals and the young 4-Hers who care for their animals with such dedication. Yes, the Sonoma County Fair has it all.

Enjoy some photos of the fair ...

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The "California Fantasy Van" was created by Ernie Steingold of Burbank, CA. It took him 22 years to build this van. There are \$15,000 in coins and 5,000 pieces of brass. The

van weighs 9,000 pounds. Steingold says the van is street legal and drives great.



## As I Saw It

### The Napa Town and Country Fair

By Lou Zauner

The Napa Town and Country Fair Administration offered a Friday, August 11, no-charge visit for Home Members—taken advantage of by a group of 8, headed by escort Tom Sarbeck, which started the bus trip from the Main Bus Stop at 2:45 p.m. Tom advised us that the bus was schedule to return at 6 p.m. and another trip at 7 p.m. I opted to drive and arriving later than the bus. I discovered the group had already fanned-out in various directions to view the multitude of exhibits, sites and demonstrations which is typical of county fairs, but still brings out “the kid” in me.

Despite numerous educational and colorful events, ranging from a Model Railroad Display, Academy of Danse presentations, and; of course, the usual livestock showings, I headed for the carnival rides and concessions. Unfortunately, the wild aerial-tossing machines had too many long lines waiting preventing me for partaking of such activities. (You do believe this, don’t you?) However, I did try my hand at ringing the bell at the “strong-man’s hammer pound” It said “Kids win every time,” but having succeeded to hit level six (out of 20) the attendant said I didn’t qualify.

Having had my fill of the frantic aspects of the Fair, I wandered down the midway to view the spectacular sights of the food stands and display booths presenting everything from medicines to TV cable alternatives. But that’s what county fairs are supposed to do.

Luxuriously riding the free midway tram was Home Member Don Stine, who had a more productive afternoon of viewing the livestock. Exchanging Navy and 4-H experiences with me and the driver of the tram, Aaron Master-son; Don informed me of the free ice-cream cones offered by Clover Stornetto, and we promptly proceeded to the booth where Home Member Ben Franklin had already visited an undisclosed number of times( well, at least

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*Ben Franklin.*

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once, since he was munching a cone when we met him). Our driver graciously brought a cone to Don and me to end the afternoon of fun and frivolity.

The Napa Town & Country Fair featured nearly 12 daily performances ranging from the “Goat Show” to “Swan Brother Circus and a Hypnotist. In addition, exhibits of a multitude of products and services were featured in the near-half dozen exhibit buildings (Starting with Beer & Wine Center and ending with Zinfandel Hall). Entrance fees started at \$8, \$5 for Seniors and Children Free. Friday August 11th was “Fun in the Sun Day” and the following, day, Saturday, August 12, expected the big crowds before closing at midnight. Many thanks to you folks who extended your hospitality to the Veterans Home.



*Robert Miller*



*left: The Rhythm Cats*



## Upcoming Picnics

Saturday, August 19  
Marysville Elks  
at the 1C/1D Patio at Holderman

Saturday, August 26  
Alameda Elks  
at the 1C/1D Patio at Holderman

Saturday, September 9  
Vietnam Veterans  
at the 1C/1D Patio at Holderman

Sunday, September 10  
Cooties  
at the 1C/1D Patio at Holderman



# ❀ Paws with Brandy ❀

## How to Smell like a Dog

My girlfriend Odene and I were strolling about the grounds when a resident said, “What pretty Naked Ladies!” Odene blushed, but I said, “Thank you,” before I noticed he was looking at some pink flowers on long stems. I don’t care for Naked Ladies because they don’t have much scent, and, being a dog, I should know. Want to know how to smell a flower?

Have you noticed dogs following a trail and going, “Snuffle, snuffle, SNORT, snuffle”? They’re warming the scent. When you smell a flower, take a deep breath, hold it to your nose, exhale to warm it, and then inhale. You’ll enjoy a stronger fragrance.



We decided to meander up to the member’s gardens while I told her my troubles. On the way, we passed a project Janis and Jerry Rambajan are doing. They have lots of projects. Late one evening, I passed Jerry busily painting a bench at a bus stop; he has worked his way around and has most of them done now. He and Janis took it upon themselves to rescue a ratty-looking area right across from Borman field. They’ve weeded it all and planted it with nice herbs and bushes they bought in town. Janis tried to fool me into thinking that a plaster statue of a dog was real, but I didn’t believe her. Didn’t smell like a dog to me.

That made me feel a little better but I was still down. Have you seen the “new girl in town”? Molly, that greyhound you see with the person she owns, Melinda McGrath, the social worker in section ‘F’? Well, Champ has been sniffing around her. He denies it, but he can’t fool me. Dogs are such men! That is the saying, isn’t it, dearies? I don’t see what a guy would want with one of those skinny, supermodel types when he has a substantial gal like me.

We didn’t make it to the flower gardens because we didn’t get past the vegetables. Darlings, did you realize how fast this year is going? One crop of corn has been picked, and the pumpkins are big and fat. Betty Spurgeon

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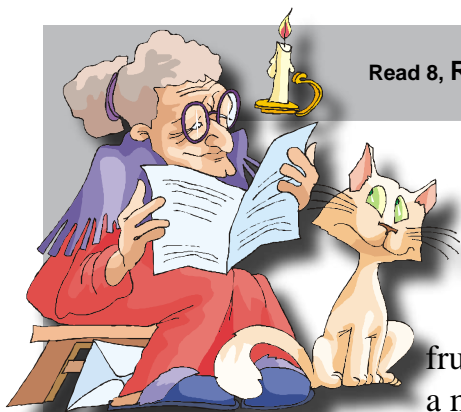


*Odene laughed when she found out that “Naked Ladies” are flowers.*



*Well, here’s supermodel Molly. Isn’t that typical! Hogs the picture so we can’t see Melinda.*





**R**eading maximizes independence and quality of life. The ability to read a good mystery or romance novel, the phone bill, a schedule of community activities, or breaking news on world events, sometimes is taken for granted. Difficulty reading is one of the most common frustrations for individuals with a visual impairment. Being able to read a menu, a theater schedule, or minutes from a meeting, is invaluable for maximizing independence and control over daily activities, leisure planning, and personal privacy. Many individuals who are legally blind are able to read written material printed in large print text. In addition, prescriptive lenses, special magnifiers, or closed circuit television (CCTV) technology may be used. Equal and timely access to written information is critical for visually impaired and sighted people alike. The following guidelines identify ways to provide large print text to members of the VH who are legally blind or low vision. Many individuals who do not fall in either category still report increased ease in reading information provided in large print format. The following guidelines are based on recommendations from the American Council of the Blind.

#### Large Print Guidelines:

- 1. Font size:** 16 or 18-point font is considered large print.
- 2. Font style:** Plain font styles such as **Helvetica**, **GillSans**, or **Arial** are recommended. Complicated decorative font styles make recognition of letters and symbols more difficult.
- 3. Margins:** Left-justify text so spacing between letters is consistent and easy to track visually. Avoid centering text on the page. One inch left and right margins are best. Use block style for paragraphs whenever possible. If indenting, 2 spaces are recommended, instead of the usual 5 spaces.
- 4. Contrast:** Bolding the entire document provides improved visual contrast between the print and paper.
- 5. Clean copy:** Make sure the ink in the printer is generating clean copies without lines and smudges. Unwanted marks on the document can interfere with recognition of words and symbols.
- 6. Line spacing:** 1.5 line spacing improves ability for scanning from the end of one line to the start of the next line in printed text.
- 7. Numbering pages:** Pages should be numbered at the top or bottom left-hand side of the page.
- 8. Paper:** Non-glossy, off-white paper is recommended whenever possible. White paper can create glare, and colored paper lessens the contrast between the print and paper. When printing on both sides of the page, use paper that does not permit the letters to bleed through to the other side.



## Direct from Broadway! ... to the Lincoln Theater

By Lou Zauner

Another stage bonanza brought to the Home--"Direct from Broadway!"--was again a reminder of the magnificent gift (that keeps on giving) that the Home and the community have in the Lincoln Theater. For anyone who can't get enough of Broadway musicals, two performances were presented – the first, Saturday, August 12, at 8:00 p.m., and the second, Sunday, August 13, at 3:00 p.m. – each two-hours of superb entertainment.

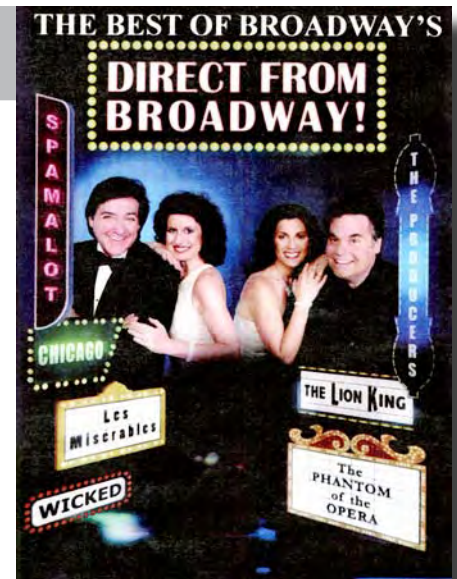
Four attractive and stellar performers; Raymond Saar, Valerie Perri, Diane Ketchie and Scott Harlan, each having hundreds of famous Broadway show performances of experience, gave their audiences a bountiful potpourri of energetic talent and artful dedication that translated to an evening and an afternoon of supreme musical enjoyment.

"Direct from Broadway!" was conceived and Directed by Raymond Saar. His formidable talents and knowledge of the Broadway musical gave a well-balanced, well-timed and well-executed production of musical selections from great Broadway hits: Chicago; Les Miserables; The Lion King; Wicked; Phantom of the Opera; The Producers; and more!

Preceding each act, the performer presented a brief explanation of what was to follow, what musical the song(s) made famous and the artist of identity with that song. Additionally, each performer "acted" the part of the musical they were presenting:

Scott Harlan terrific as Zero Mostel in Fiddler on the Roof, and Raymond Saar as Al Jolson singing "Swanee;" and his Man of La Mancha skit; and Vallerie Perri and Diane Ketchie presenting their tributes to Julie Andrews and Barbra Streisand. Likewise, all are accomplished pianists as well as vocal artists and the orchestra members (not named in the program) gave outstanding musical support.

In the same manner as Raymond Saar showing on-stage affection for his wife, Diane Ketchie; he expressed the cast's and orchestra's appreciation and thanks to the stage technicians, Lincoln Theater and the audience. The same affection and thanks we offer to the Friends of Lincoln Theater and all who brought us this exceptional playhouse and continue to bring us such grand performances as "Direct from Broadway!"



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may have an answer to that. She was preparing a bed to plant 'everlasting' strawberries to enjoy year 'round. Betty told me that if you want a plot, you have to contact Hank Miller, the Supervising Groundskeeper. If you feel an itch to plant, you'd better hop to it. 🍷

*I Think Betty Spurgeon wants me to fetch that rock! Try a tomato or a juicy ear of corn!*

August 18, 2006







# Good Readin'

## Just Call Me Heloise

Living at the Veterans Home is a craft and an art. You know that bottle of “cleaning stuff” you kept in the garage and used once every five years? It’s gone. We all need to share our quick-and-easy solutions to common problems. Lincoln Library has several books that can help, starting with **Hints, Tips & Everyday Wisdom**. Ball-point ink on a shirt or blouse? Saturate with hair spray (you may have to borrow that) and blot, not rub, until it’s gone, then launder as usual. Tarnish on silver or brass (like one of my dog tags)? Coat with toothpaste, add a bit of warm water ‘til it foams, then rub. If it has intricate grooves, use an old toothbrush.

Toothpaste is a gentle cleaner for many things. The current issue of **Consumer Reports** has the results of their testing toothpaste, and it’s surprising. One brand, almost the cheapest, was the best at stain removal. Ultrabrite. If you are prone to plaque or gingivitis, Colgate Total carries the American Dental Association seal which means the manufacturer has submitted evidence to support its claims. (Consumer Reports doesn’t allow companies to brag about their ratings; hope they don’t sue me.) For a real stain emergency, ask at the library desk for Consumer Reports’ How to Clean Practically Anything. It’s on the shelf with the annual Buyers’ Guide.

**From Heloise: Hints for All Occasions.** Scuff marks on the floor of your room? A dry paper towel usually removes them. If it doesn’t quite finish the job, sprinkle with baking soda and try again. Heloise is a big believer in baking soda and white vinegar as cleaners. Environmentally friendly, too.

Then, I got carried away with her ideas for recycling gift wrapping. Giving a book? Wrap in the book review section of the Sunday paper; if it’s for a child, use the comics. All those colorful paper tablecloths used at parties? Cut a piece off or use a whole one for something really big. Use a bright page from a magazine to hint about what’s inside: cut out a picture and paste onto a wrap of white paper or use the whole page if the gift is small. Tired of bows? Tie an ‘extra’ on the outside with yarn -- a small car or doll for a child, a tire gauge for a man.

And, finally. Want to stop squinting and bruising your fingernails trying to use your roll of transparent tape? Keep a penny stuck to the end.

## Senior Folk Dancing Classes

The Town of Yountville Community Services Department is offering free beginning folk dancing classes for seniors. The classes are on Tuesday’s from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the Community Hall in Yountville. For more information contact the Community Service Department at 944-8712.





## Computer School Status

The “experimental” computer school class has been in session since July 17<sup>th</sup>. After many weeks of waiting for the completion of Comcast’s internet connection in Rooms 203 and 214 in Section F — the “experimental” was organized to test various school procedures. Using the “Computer School Survey” filled out by 47 of the members interested in participating in the classes — a call was made to all those who listed phone numbers. The primary purpose of the call was to seek out volunteers to help teach those members with little or no computer knowledge. The response was not encouraging. Unless some volunteers come forth soon, the opening of the school will have to be delayed.

Not all is lost since the cause for some of the lack of interest is the lack of suitable equipment, which is being remedied. The Service Foundation of AMVETS has come forward with funds. A badly needed computer projector has been purchased and six new state of the art Dell computers as well. We expect delivery by August 15<sup>th</sup> and if a few volunteer teachers come forth, we can open the school! At present, there are three hard working and talented volunteers managing and establishing the school — Bill Patton, Don Woodrome and Val Clark. They need your help! For further information or to volunteer to help, call them at the School (944-4967) or Dick Hum at PIO (944-4528).

## Napa Valley Museum

**The Art of Angling: Works on Paper from the Gary Widman Collection**  
*September 2, 2006 - October 15, 2006*

Fishing is found in the art of every civilization. Along with hunting, it is the most prominent of sporting themes in Western art and has been used both allegorically and naturalistically to represent man’s struggle with the forces of nature and his environment. The history of fishing in art from the time of the Renaissance to the present day is told in *The Art of Angling: Works on Paper* from the Gary Widman Collection.

**Opening Reception Saturday, September 2**

*Exhibition Tour with Gary Widman*

4:30- 5:00 pm

*Wine & Hors d’oeuvres*

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Free for Members/\$5 for Non-members

RSVP at 707.944.0500



### Grapevine Deadline & Distribution Dates

Month	Holidays	Deadlines	Distribution
Sep	4	Aug 25, 11, 25	1, 15, 29
Oct	9	6, 23	13, 27
Nov	10, 23, 24	3, 16	9, 22
Dec	25	4, 16, 29	8, 22

## Guadalcanal Veterans Honored

On Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco is holding a Guadalcanal Commemoration Luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom. For more information or to sign up for this trip, please contact the Allied Council in the Recreation Building *before noon on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>*.



sign up  
early



## Residential Care Special Events

*Sign ups at Activities Office open 2 ½ weeks before event.*

August

Date	Time	Event	Site	Bus	Signup
19 Sat	11:00 am	Marysville Elks Picnic	1C/1D		
20 Sun	7:15 am	Napa Senior Brunch		MBS	Yes
21 Mon	5:00 pm	River Cats Baseball		MDR	Yes
22 Tue	10:00 am	Costco/Target/Kohls Shopping		MBS	Yes
23 Wed	12:30 pm	Le Melange		MDR	Yes
25 Fri	9:30 am	Petaluma Coast Guard		MBS	Yes
26 Sat	11:00 am	Alameda Elks Picnic	1C/1D		
27 Sun	8:30 am	Indy Grand Prix		MBS	Yes
	10:00 am	Giants Baseball		MBS	Yes
	3:00 pm	Don Edwards & Waddie Mitchell	LT		
28 Mon	9:30 am	Fairfield Shopping		MBS	Yes
29 Tue	1:30 PM	Hawaiian Celebration	HRA		
30 Wed	10:00 am	Oakland A's		MBS	Yes
	12:30 pm	Le Melange		MDR	Yes
31 Thu	9:00 am	Chabot Space Center		MBS	Yes

*All activities are subject to change, please check with the Activities Office.*

*Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly.*

**Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; GR: Games Room; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LL: Lee Lounge; LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; SF: San Francisco; TAV: Tavern; VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; VHL: Veterans Home Lanes; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.**

## LINCOLN Theater



**Sun Aug 27 3 pm** **Veterans Home of California presents - Waddie Mitchell & Don Edwards.** Buckaroo poet Waddie Mitchell and Cowboy Balladeer Don Edwards come together to produce a unique blend of classical and cowboy music. The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum says, "Edwards and Mitchell blend their individual gifts of song and story with the majesty of the [Fort Worth] Symphony - the result is a musical celebration of the great American West." Shanachie, 2000.



**Sat Sep 9 8 pm** **The Prodigals** The Prodigals are one of the most successful bands to emerge from the East-Coast Irish scene. The band members grew up largely in Ireland; their original songs blend a funky and anarchic energy that is pure New York with a genuine passion for the traditional music of Ireland. "The Prodigals will blow apart all those old, Enya-inspired notions during a performance..." – Savannah Morning News



# MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL

## Fri, Aug 18 – “Pride and Prejudice”

This new (2005) film is considered one of the best adaptations of the Jane Austen romantic classic. The love story involves unexpected adventure with five unmarried sisters hunting for mates in 18<sup>th</sup> century England. This new, re-imaged version seems fresh and almost 21<sup>st</sup> century while staying true to Austen. The cast includes Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen, Judi Dench and Donald Sutherland (rescheduled from July 21 because of heat) ☆☆☆☆

## Wed, Aug 23 – “Gypsy”

A 1962 color musical starring Rosalind Russell, Natalie Wood, Karl Malden and Harvey Korman. Russell plays the ultimate stage mother and Wood plays daughter Gypsy Rose Lee who sings and strips her way from vaudeville stages to later fame and fortune. Memorable Stephen Sondheim and Julie Stine music includes “Everything’s Coming Up Roses.” ☆☆☆

## Fri, Aug 25 – “Failure to Launch”

A new (2006) romantic comedy stars Matthew McConaughey and Sarah Jessica Parker. The movie is a lightweight tale about a 35-year-old man who lives with his parents (Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw). The parents hire a woman to romance him and persuade him to move to his own place. An above average new entertainment.

## Wed, Aug 30 – “Mommie Dearest”

A 1981 well-crafted screenplay of Christina Crawford’s book about growing up the adopted and abused daughter of movie queen Joan Crawford. Faye Dunaway shines as “Mommie” Crawford. The story is allegedly based on the Crawford family real-life experiences.

## Fri, Sep 1 – “Syriana”

A new (2005) political thriller starring George Clooney and Matt Damon. This is a complex and intriguing movie about oil, terrorism, money and power. The film was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Picture. This is a fast-moving action/adventure which goes from Houston to Washington and to the Mideast. The cast includes Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, William Hurt and Christopher Plummer. Clooney won the Oscar as Best Supporting Actor for his performance.

## Wed, Sep 6 – “The Godfather” (part one)

Continuing our split schedule for longer films, the first half of the original 1972 “Godfather” will be shown on Wednesday and the second half on the following Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. A more complete “Godfather” review will appear in the next *Grapevine* issue which is published on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



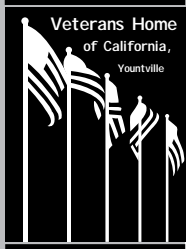
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